

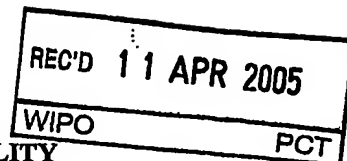
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-15 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

pages 16-19 as originally filed/furnished

pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

pages 1/5-5/5 as originally filed/furnished

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3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages NONE

☒ the claims, Nos. NONE

☒ the drawings, sheets/figs NONE

☒ the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

☒ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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International application No.
PCT/US04/09641**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)

Claims NONE YESClaims 1-21 NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims NONE YESClaims 1-21 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-21 YESClaims NONE NO**2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)**

NEW CITATIONS

NONE

Claims 1-21 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Ganzer et al (US 5,121,430). Ganzer teaches a emergency alerting system which is recieved by a television receiver/antenna and when the received signal/code extracted (via alert code extractor 22) matches (via code compare 23) that of a user entered location (via user set location code 5) and alarm (via alarm 6) is activated. Ganzer teaches that the alarm may be an audible alarm, LED etc in accordance with the type or severity of alert that was broadcast (abstract line 14-18). Regarding the single user input button to control the alarm, although Ganzer does not explicitly recite the functional element, the use of a user input button, whether on the screen or connected to the screen via a wired/or wireless device (i.e. remote) is conventional in the art. The use of a remote or button affords the user to deactivate/mute the alarm, and control various TV and/or alarm settings volume, brightness etc of the display. Therefore, it would have been obvious to include a conventional remote/user input button with Ganzer to provide the viewer/user conventional capability in operation of the TV (both in viewing and alarm mode). Regarding the different colors related to the severity of the alarm levels, as stated above, Ganzer teaches that based upon the type or severity of the alarm determines the alarm activated, including an LED. Therefore, the activation of a color based upon severity level would be an obvious design choice in a system which includes an LED which receives various levels of alarms.

In response to the argument that Ganzer does not disclose or suggest "a single user input button for receiving tactile user inputs to control said emergency alert function, wherein said single user input button is the only tactile user input means integral with said apparatus that is capable of controlling said emergency alert function." The applicant also states that Ganzer discloses a system which may use a selection device 10 which may be as simple as a keyboard or keypad or preferably a graphic selection device. As stated above, the examiners position is the use of a single user input button to control/perform a function whether on a keyboard, keypad, remote or graphic selection device, is a conventional in the art, since the number of buttons on the remote is merely a design choice since a single button may perform multiple functions, or a multiple buttons may each perform a single function, thus the use of a single user input button is not an inventive/novel feature.